

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office action dated January 12, 2005, in which the Examiner indicated that claims 12, 13 and 45 are allowable and that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in view of the above-amendments and the following remarks.

I. TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants' attorney would also like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on March 11, 2005. Applicants' attorney proposed amending the claims based on the allowable subject matter indicated in the office action and canceling the withdrawn claims. In particular, the specific amendments listed above were discussed, and the Examiner indicated that these amendments should place the case in condition for allowance. However, a final review of the amendments would still need to be made.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

With this amendment, claims 1-8, 14-44 and 46 are canceled.

Claim 9 is re-written in independent form to include elements from claim 14, which has now been canceled. However, the combined wording of claims 9 and 14 is re-written into a more condensed and readable form. Applicants' attorney suggested in the interview that claims 9 and 10 might be re-worded to some extent. While specific re-wording was not discussed, Applicants' attorney believes the new wording should be allowable.

Similarly, claim 10 is re-written in independent form to include elements from claim 46, which has now been canceled.

However, the combined wording of claims 10 and 46 has also been re-written into a more condensed and readable form.

Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 10.

Claims 12 and 13 are amended to remove reference to the "elevational changes".

Claim 45 is allowed.

New claim 47 is added, which depends from claim 45. Support for new claim 47 can be found on page 26, lines 5 to 6, for example.

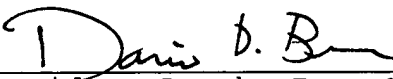
While numerous claims are being canceled to pursue the allowed subject matter, Applicants reserve the right to pursue these canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Consideration and allowance of all remaining claims are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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